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SUBJ: TEXTILTES SURVEILLANCE BODY - SWEDEN-MEXICO DISPUTE-

SPECIAL SESSION JUNE 13

REF: GENEVA 4321

1. TSB MET IN SPEICAL SESSION JUNE 13 TO HEAR PRESENTATION BY AND QUESTION DELEGATION FROM MEXICO CITY. MEX DEL WAS: DIONISIO MEADE, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MINISTRY INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE; ASSISTED BY GUILLERMO RAMOS-URIARTE, ADVISOR, MINISTRY INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE AND COUNSELOR ALCARAZ OF MEXICAN PERM DEL GENEVA.

2. AFTER MORNING HEARING EXCELLENT PRESENTATION BY MEX DEL AND FORTHRIGHT RESPONSES TO NUMEROUS QUESTIONS, TSB DISCUSSED CASE AND, AS FORECAST PARA 2 REFTTEL, FOUND: A) THAT A CLAIM OF MARKETDISRUPTION COULD NOT BE SUSTAINED ON THE EVIDENCE PRESENTED; B) CONCLUDED THAT THE EVIDENCE WOULD SUSTAIN CLAIM
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OF EXISTENCE OF A "REAL RISK OF MARKET

DISRUPTION;" C) RECOMMENDED THAT PARTIES CONSULT AGAIN "WITH VIEW TOWARD ARRIVING AT MODALITIES TO ELIMINATE THE RISK OF MARKET DISRUPTIONWHILE AT SAME TIME ENSURING ORDERLY DEVELOPMENT OF THE TRADE;" D) SUGGESTED PARTIES MIGHT WISH EXAMINE POSSIBILITY ESTABLISHING SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM WHICH WOULD PROVIDE BOTH COUNTRIES WITH ADEQUATE SAFEGUARDS; AND, E) REQUESTED REPORT WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF RESULTS ACHIEVED.

3. MEX DEL VERY HAPPY WITH OUTCOME SINCE TSB FINDINGS WILL PRECLUDE RESORT TO ARTICLE 3 ON MEXICAN JEANS BY SWEDEN. SWEDES WILL HAVE TO SEEK SOLUTION TO JEANS PROBLEM IN FRAMEWORK ARTICLE 4 WHICH WILL CALL FOR HIGHER RESTRAINT LEVELS. US REP EXPECTS THAT "SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM," I.E. SOME SORT CONSULTATION LEVEL MECHANISM WILL BE AGREED UNDER ARTICLE 4. SWEDEN HAD ALREADY NEGOTIATED AND REPORTED TO TSB SIMILAR SYSTEM WITH INDIA.

4. IN PRIVATE DISCUSSION WITH MEX DEL BEFORE SESSION, US REP CONCLUDED THAT MEXICO COULD NOT "IN PRINCIPLE" ACQUIESCE TO ARTICLE 3 AGREEMENT SINCE THEY FELT SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTION OF WEAK CASE BY SWEDES WOULD ENCOURAGE SWEDES AND OTHER NORDICS DECLARE MARKET DISRUPTION AND TAKE SIMILAR ACTION ON OTHER LOWER COST MEXICAN TEXTILES NOW ENTERING NORDIC MARKET. WAS ALSO CLEAR TO US REP THAT, IN FIRST ROUND NEGOTIATION WITH SWEDES, MEXICANS HAD, AS USUAL, AIMED THEIR FIRST THREE OR FOUR SHOTS (ON QUOTA DESIDERATA) AT THE MOON.
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